

# Deaths of Despair in Ohio: The Changing Landscape of Addiction and Suicides

## Purpose

We investigate how so-called deaths of despair (including deaths due to drug overdose, alcohol, and suicide) in Ohio have changed from 1999 through 2014. Using data from the CDC, we track patterns and trends at the county level. We also explore the characteristics of communities that have been particularly afflicted, including the demographics and industrial landscape.

## Impact

Growth in deaths of despair at the county-level, relative to other counties in Ohio and the national level.

Characteristics of counties that are more severely affected, including location, demographics, and industrial and labor landscape.

Inform policy-makers on growing opioid and overdose crisis in Ohio.

### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Department of Human Sciences  
Family and Consumer Sciences  
OSU Extension

### How you can get involved:

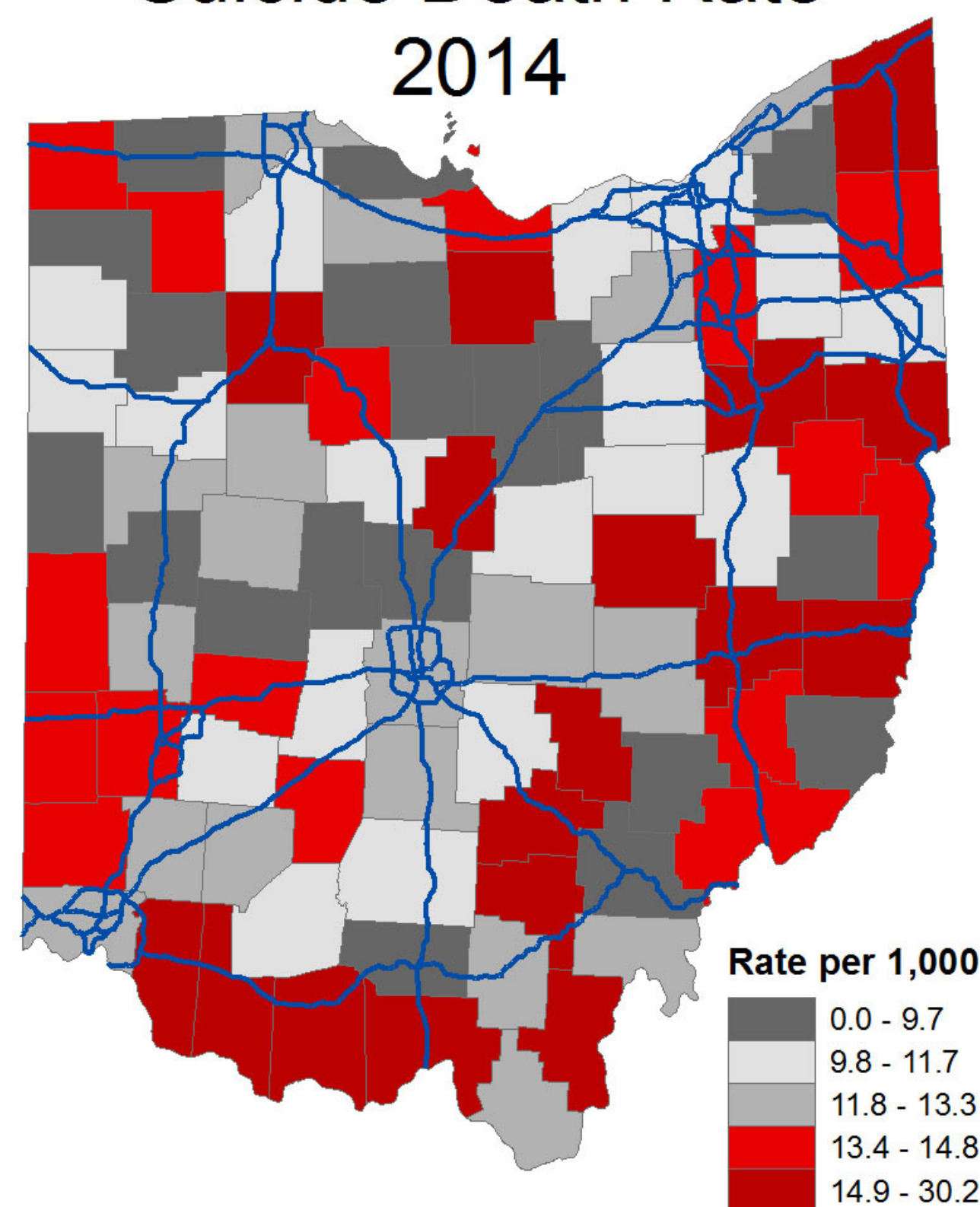
- Find partnerships to help disseminate our findings
- Funding support for outreach activities

### To get involved, contact:

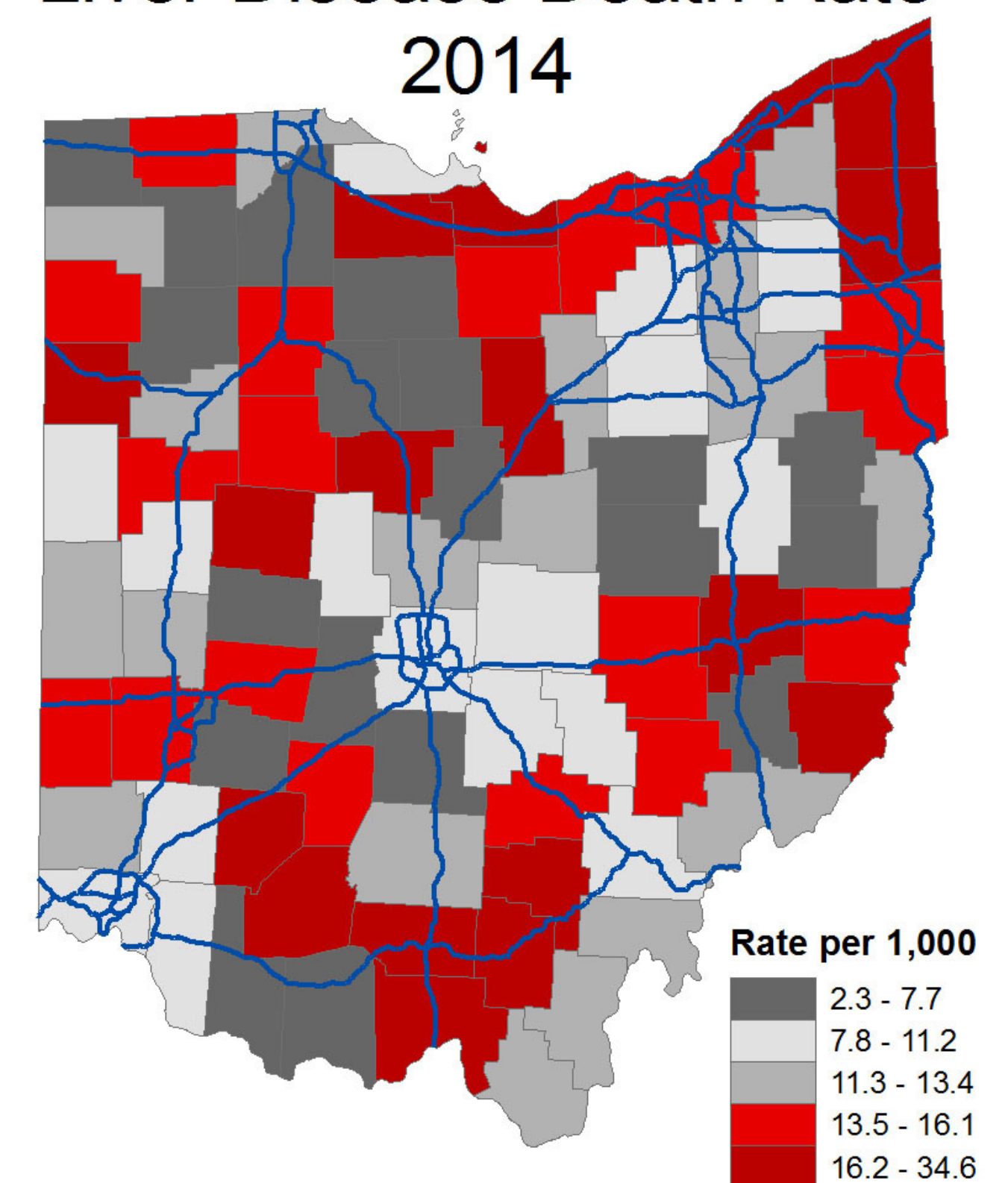
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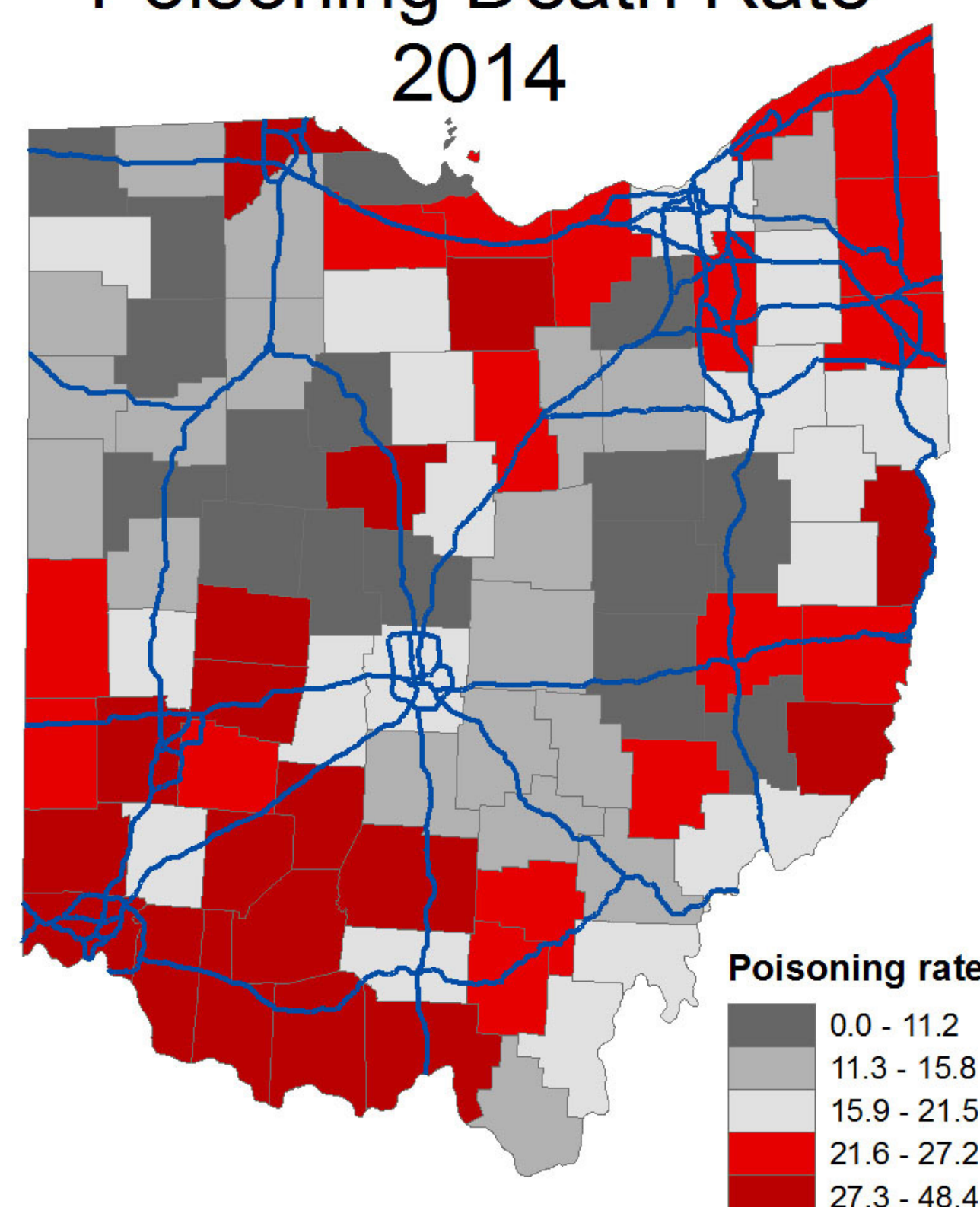
Suicide Death Rate  
2014



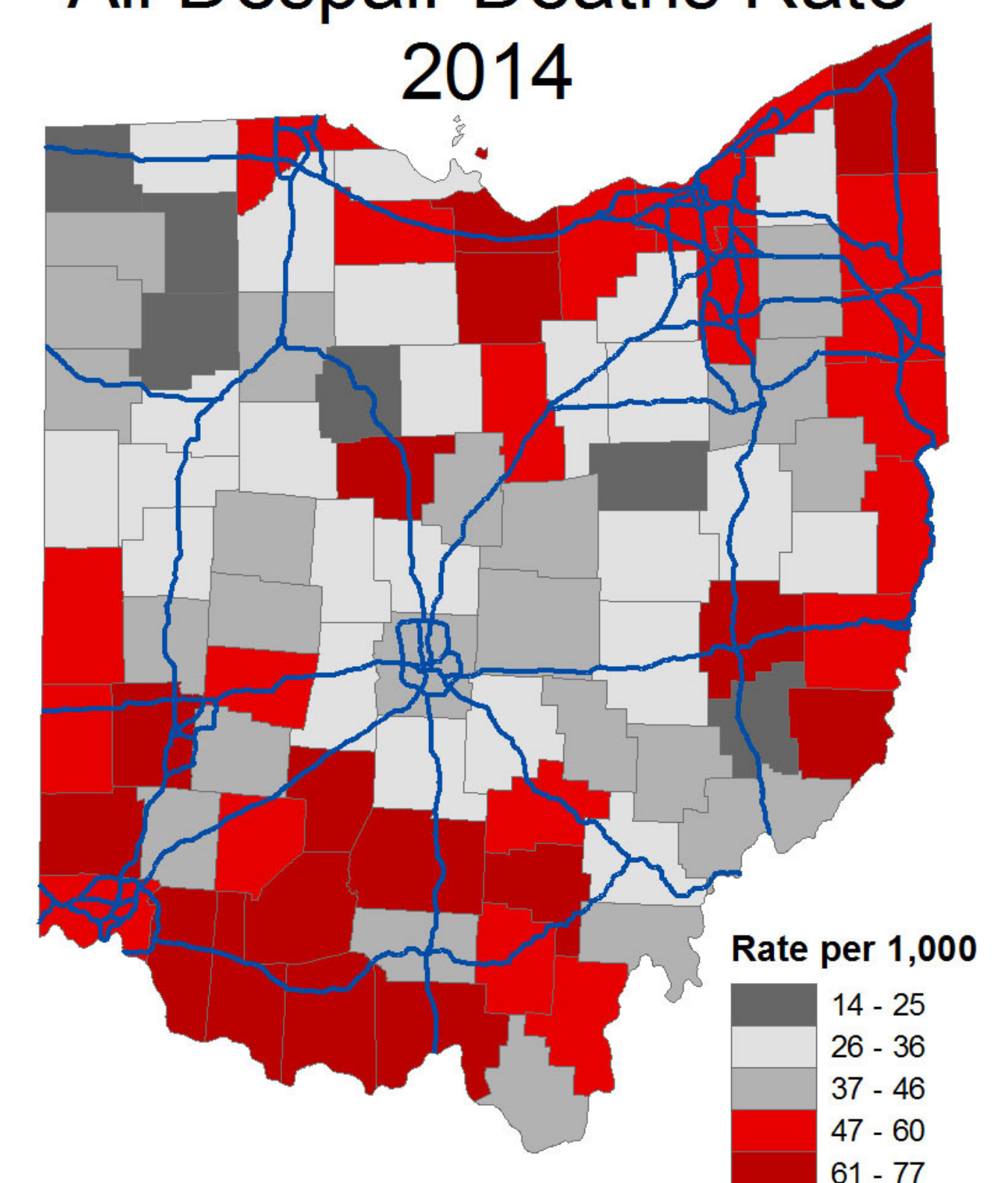
Liver Disease Death Rate  
2014



Poisoning Death Rate  
2014



All Despair Deaths Rate  
2014



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